

Worship Service for Bethany U.C.C.
June 14, 2026

Prelude

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

C: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;**

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling places of the Most High.

C: **God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; God will help her when the morning dawns.**

All: **The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

*HYMN #19 UCC *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Teach us Your word in this hour, Gracious God, for we need to learn Your ways. Help us to follow Your commandments, to love You and our neighbor, and walk in Your grace. Preserve us, we pray, and grant us the courage to face each day's challenges. Show us how to live by faith and serve with abiding trust in You. Amen.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we look at our lives and see that we have seldom claimed the full power of the gospel. We go about our daily lives giving little thought to Your will for our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to find release from the limits we place on our lives and to live more fully as You intend. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO CHILDREN (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pre-K to Grade 2 children dismiss to church entryway for Sunday School

APOSTLES' CREED

*OFFERTORY #351 UCC *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we are so thankful for the many blessings in our lives. Much too often we take them for granted. Today we are reminded by this time of offering how fortunate we are. We present our gifts today for the work of the mission of this body of Christ. Use them and use us to their full potential we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23: 16-24

Matthew 7: 15-20

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE

HYMN *In Remembrance* (screen)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN #449 SS *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Pastor Joel Schlatter

- Strengthen the Church special offering (use envelopes)

There will be a special congregational meeting next Sunday, June 21, following the church service.

The Ice Cream Social will be on Saturday, June 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu includes maidrites, chili dogs, chips, homemade desserts, ice cream, and drinks. Free will donations are accepted. All are welcome!

July-August Upper Rooms are available in the church entryway.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Special Congregational Mtg.: Sunday, June 21, after church
- Ice Cream Social: Saturday, June 27, 5-7 p.m.
- Retreat House Service: Sunday, July 12, 10 a.m.

- All-Day Bible School: Monday, July 13
- Women's Event: Saturday, August 22, 10 a.m.
- Resume 9 a.m. Sunday School: Sunday, September 13, 9 a.m.
- Men's Event: Sunday, November 8, 6 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30 a.m.

Brad Doyle is greeter today, Diane Schrader next week. Thanks to the greeter, Pastor Joel, the musician, AV tech - all who helped with the service.

WELCOME ALL! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register and come again.

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